

THE NEW DOG

John excitedly ran home from school. He was in a hurry because [to/ is/ he] knew that this was the day [a/ he/ of] was going to get to go [with/ firm/ each] his dad to pick out his [new/ you/ way] dog. His sister, Alice, already [yes/ for/ had] a cat and his baby brother, Mike, [boy/ tap/ had] a turtle named Swifty. But the dog John [had/ and/ for] previously ran away and never [then/ your/ came] back. John had been very upset [his/ led/ and] had tried to find his dog, Ninja. [He/ An/ So] searched all through the neighborhood and [had/ the/ rag] even put an ad in the lost-and-found [always/ section/ sudden] of the newspaper; but Ninja was [her/ not/ far] found.

After Ninja had been [shelter/ shadow/ missing] for several weeks, John's parents [asked/ would/ stand] him if he wanted to get [pockets/ another/ confuse] dog. John refused because he was still grieving [have/ gone/ over] the loss of Ninja.

However, last [week/ then/ very] John's best friend, Morris, confided [on/ go/ a] secret to John. Morris' terrier was [due/ yes/ egg] to have puppies in the next [few/ get/ hid] days. Morris kept this a [happen/ secret/ always] so his rotten cousins wouldn't all [jam/ get/ new] to have a puppy to take [pull/ year/ home]. Morris promised John first pick of [weak/ said/ this] new litter of pups.

So on [year/ this/ near] day, John hurried home to meet [sew/ his/ for] dad so they could go pick [out/ boy/ may] a new dog. Once he got [kind/ home/ into], he found his father already there. [Van/ His/ Cog] dad came out to meet him [our/ the/ and] said, "Well, son, do you think [lot/ you/ sad] are ready for a new dog? [Not/ You/ Leg] know that's a lot of responsibility." John answered, "[Yes/ Had/ Fur], I think I am. I miss Ninja [it/ me/ a] lot but I think I would [pickle/ really/ vented] like a new dog of my [you/ own/ day]."

With that, John and his dad [because/ kitten/ started] to walk toward Morris' house. After [into/ they/ said] got there, Morris took them to [and/ say/ the] garage where Natalie, the mother dog, [lid/ was/ hot] guarding her pups. There were eight [winds/ over/ black], brown, and tan pups snuggled together [and/ cup/ you] lying on some pieces of old [winter/ fabric/ gotten]. John got as close to the pups [it/ as/ we] Natalie would let him and looked [is/ go/ at] all of them carefully. He knew [it/ an/ no] would be difficult to decide on [stop/ from/ just] one of the pups, but after [a/ me/ if] long time, he made his decision. John [what/ knew/ they] the puppy would have to stay with [yes/ his/ rut] mother for a few more weeks, [its/ pot/ but] he happily went home to prepare [I/ up/ a] new home for his new dog.